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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6801

BILL NUMBER: SB 283

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 11, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2012

SUBJECT: High School Dropout Recovery Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Thompson

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Accreditation:* This bill requires the Department of Education to waive accreditation standards for an accredited nonpublic alternative high school that contracts with a school corporation to provide alternative education services for students who: (1) have dropped out of high school; (2) have been expelled; or (3) were not successful in the school corporation; to accommodate the nonpublic alternative high school's program and student population.

Tuition Support: The bill provides that a school corporation that enrolls a student who has legal settlement in another school corporation for the student to receive services from a nonpublic alternative high school receives state tuition support for the student.

Educational Services: The bill provides that a student who is placed in a residential facility is entitled to receive certain defined educational services from the school corporation in which the facility is located.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Accreditation:* The Department of Education could have some minimal costs associated with waiving the accreditation standards for nonpublic schools that contract with public schools to provide services to students that drop out. It is unknown how many schools might qualify under this provision.

Tuition Support: The bill would allow a school corporation that enrolls a student who has legal settlement in another school corporation for the purpose of the student receiving services from an accredited nonpublic

alternative high school to receive the greater of the funding per student of the school corporation where the student is enrolled or has legal settlement. The impact would depend on the number of students enrolled in the accredited nonpublic alternative high school and their school of legal settlement. The funding per ADM for CY 2012 ranges from \$4,598 to \$8,170.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Tuition Support: See Explanation of State Expenditures.*

Educational Services: The bill clarifies that a student who is placed in a residential facility is entitled to receive certain defined educational services from the school corporation in which the facility is located should have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools that contract with nonpublic schools.

Information Sources:

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